

Further research yields more information about OK patterns of Upper Silesia

In the March 2000 *Bulletin*, Magnus Werner (#1308) suggested that the illustration for Upper Silesia #A11 in the *World Perfin Catalog* was incorrect. His research had shown that the period following the O in the O.K. pattern is actually closer than shown in the catalog. *World Perfin Catalog* editor Bob Schwerdt produced research showing that the pattern was correctly illustrated and identified.

Now comes further research from Werner which shows that two, and possibly three, different patterns were used by Oberschlesische Kokswerke u. Chemische Fabriken in Upper Silesia between 1920 and 1923.

The patterns are shown in the *Katalog der Deutschen Firmenlochungen* (the German perfin catalog) and in *Catalogue of Firms Initials Perforated on Postage Stamps Used in Polish Territories of 1918-1939* by Aleksander Sekowski.

The first shows the period close to the O. The holes are 0.8 mm in diameter. It's German cata-



log #1.OK,9; Sekowski #O1. It is known only on plebiscite stamps from February 1920 to July 1923 in Hindenburg (Zabrze) and Knurów (Kr. Rybnik).

The second shows the period more evenly placed between the O and K. The holes are 0.6 mm in diameter. It's German catalog #1.OK,8; *World Perfin Catalog* #A11. It is known on plebiscite stamps from July 1920 in Hindenburg, and on stamps of Germany from 1922-1923 in Gleiwitz (Gliwice) and Hindenburg.

These two patterns bear a certain resemblance to each other, which suggests a common die.

The third pattern, known used on German stamps in Hindenburg (Zabrze) from 1923 to 1935, is German catalog #1.OK,1. The user of this pattern is not identified, but Werner suggests evidence points toward the user as being the same as the other two OK patterns.

Anyone who can provide additional information—particularly confirmation of the user of the third pattern—is asked to contact Magnus Werner at the address shown in the membership roster.